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A hula hoop station kept people busy at Pelham Summerfest on Saturday. See story and more photos on pages 2 and 3.

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UPFRONT

■ COMMUNITY

Summerfest draws thousands

Eight-month-old Eleanor Paddle is all smiles Saturday as mother Mary helps her bounce on one of the inflatables at Pelham Summerfest.

Three-year-old Benjamin Orosz tosses a Frisbee around with aunt Alex Orosz at Pelham Summerfest on Saturday.

MARYANNE FIRTH
Postmedia Network

They walked, they drove, they biked — all with the same destination in mind.

Pelham Summerfest drew thousands of people to downtown Fonthill for four days of live music, children's activities, food and fun.

"It was worth the drive from Niagara-on-the-Lake," said Jen Murray, who came with her two children Saturday to, as festival organizers say, "chill on the hill."

Murray and youngsters Ava, 2, and Bianca, 4, enjoyed some ice cream on the grassy knoll by the bandshell, taking a brief break from the beaming sun.

"It's a kids' day. It gives us something to do," she said, adding this was the first year the family opted to come down to check out Pelham's signature event.

Her girls were loving the sea of inflatables and the variety of shows and demonstrations that filled Peace Park and Pelham St.

For Chris Scott, the event was an opportunity to explore his new community. The Niagara Falls native only recently moved to Fonthill and felt Summerfest may be the ideal way to learn a bit more about his new surroundings.

"We cooled off in the pool for a bit and then thought we'd come to check out the music," he said alongside three-year-old daughter Willowmae.

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Children wait for their turn on one of the many popular inflatables at Pelham Summerfes on t Saturday.

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■ SUMMERFEST

Annual festival packs Peace Park, Pelham St.

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It was a big benefit, Scott said, that his family lives within walking distance of downtown, so they were able to stroll over in the sunshine.

He praised event organizers for shutting down Pelham St. to really allow people to move around and to add to that community festival feel.

Debbie Farbychuk and family make it a point to come to Summerfest every year, marking it in their calendars when the dates are announced.

"We say, 'Don't work that Saturday,'" she said with a laugh, while watching five-year-old son Nathan Furtney splashing around in the paddleboat pool.

"I just think it's awesome. There's so much free entertainment and it's a chance for everyone to get together."

Pelham employee Mara Bray helped to man the bike valet on Saturday, which offered people cycling to the festivities a safe place to store their wheels.

Near evening, dozens of people had already checked in their bikes, many expressing positive feedback about the valet initiative.

"It encourages people to ride here," she said, adding it has become a popular aspect of Summerfest.

"People love it."

Members of Taoist Tai Chi, of St. Catharines, put on a demonstration at Pelham Summerfest on Saturday.

Pelham Panthers play hoops during a demonstration at Pelham Summerfest on Saturday.

Nathan Furtney keeps cool in the boat pool at Pelham Summerfest on Saturday.

Rachel and Ava Choma have a bubble fight at Pelham Summerfest on Saturday.

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NPCA takes a hike

BRIAN BATY
For Postmedia Network

Several members of Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority met recently on a section of the Gord Harry Trail in Wainfleet.

The Gord Harry Trail is a 13-km trail running through Wainfleet and a section of Haldimand County where it is known as the Blue Heron Way Trail.

It forms a section of the Trans Canada Trail. Niagara Region Wind Corp. requested temporary use of the trails to bury conduits in connection with two wind turbines and to allow access for servicing the sites.

Specifically the request was to provide an easement on 635 metres of the Gord Harry Trail and 100 m of the Blue Heron Way Trail owned by Haldimand County.

The impact on the Gord Harry Trail is approximately 5% of the total trail length. The matter was approved by the NPCA board at its July 15 meeting. The easement agreement offers a $100,000 donation to NPCA which will be earmarked for capital projects in Wainfleet and $20,000 a year for 20 years (subject to CPI increases) which will be allocated to trail development, maintenance and signage throughout the watershed.

Needless to say, the request was controversial.

There are some residents who are totally opposed to any support for wind turbines. Other residents decry the environmental impact during the project and cite the potential of Blanding turtle habitat as a risk.

The Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change has heard presentations and approved the project.

An appeal by Mothers Against Wind Turbines has been dismissed by the Environmental Review Tribunal.

The professional opinion of NPCA staff is that the impacts would be temporary and can be mitigated via agreed upon measures. They express the view that re-vegetating the trail with species native to the region should be considered an improvement to the local environment.

Several members of the NPCA board expressed interest in walking the section of the trail to better understand the issues first hand prior to voting on the matter. Specifically they attempted to identify key trees that need to be preserved while allowing the temporary removal of scrub bush and non-native species.

NPCA staff met with members of the community in opposition to the proposal. They also met with officials from the Town of Lincoln to review that community's agreements with Niagara Wind Energy Corp.

Staff have also taken numerous photos of this section of trail to ensure proper re-establishment of the trail after the project is completed and have put in place several conditions to ensure that erosion and sediment controls are in place for the duration of the project.

Lastly, there has been a thorough legal review of the proposed easement contact and conditions.

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SUPPLIED PHOTO

Saint Laurent is pictured May 17 in the Welland Canal by Bill Bird.

Shipwrecks – Saint Laurent

SKIP GILLHAM
For Postmedia Network

The unusual career of the passenger vessel *Saint Laurent* took another strange turn last June.

The ship had been built for Great Lakes, coastal and Caribbean service in 2001 and first came through the Welland Canal as *Cape May Light* that summer.

The owners ran into financial problems and, since the first year, the ship has spent various amounts of time laid up, at Haiti housing earthquake relief workers and at St. John's, N.L., as the summer home for a work crew building a new dock.

It resumed active duty this past spring as the passenger ship *St. Laurent* and made several voyages into the Great Lakes before ripping open the bow on the sill protecting the upper gates of the Eisenhower Lock on June 15. There were a number of injuries among the French tourists on board and it proved to be a challenge removing them from the vessel stuck on the bottom of the lock. In time all were saved, the ship was patched, refloated, and it sailed for Les Mechins, Que., and repairs at the Verreault shipyard.

It is expected to resume cruise service in July.

■ POLITICS

Petrowski apologizes to Region chair over gay marriage remarks

DON FRASER
Postmedia Network

Regional cCoun. Andy Petrowski has apologized to Niagara Region Chair Alan Caslin for public comments made against gay marriage.

The apology flows from recent Tweets and an interview with *The Stondord*, when Petrowski expressed his religious views opposing gay marriage.

In a Twitter comment posted last week, Petrowski wrote that as a Christian he does not condone gay marriage.

Then in a followup interview he said, in part, "If you are now going to say, 'I believe in murder and I call myself a Christian,' that would be perverted.

"That would be twisted. It's tbe same thing, the same concept."

Petrowski later said on Twitter he was sorry, writing "... I apologize unreservedly for anything I've said that offends."

In his apology to Caslin released last Thursday afternoon by Caslin's office, Petrowski said he "made comments that were offensive to the LGBTQ community.

"I made these comments while sharing my deeply held religious views on marriage. While I have apologized unreservedly, I want to again clearly reiterate that apology."

His latest apology was copied to all regional councillors.

In the release that contains Petrowski's apology, Caslin's communications director Jason Tamming adds Caslin "will be reminding councillors about their obligations under the Code of Conduct at the next regional council meeting, which is the most suitable forum to address all of council as well as the public."

It adds: "Niagara Region will continue to be an organization in which all persons are treated equally with dignity and respect for their personal status regarding gender, sexual orientation, race, creed, religion and spirituality."

Apology accepted, Caslin said in an interview.

"I was glad I was able to receive that apology from Coun. Petrowski," he said.

"It was definitely received well, being that it is an unreserved apology, I consider the matter now closed.

"Hopefully we can get this behind us," Caslin added. "And I need to remind council we need to respect the views of everybody, and what's important to us is getting on with the business of council."

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PETROWSKI'S APOLOGY

Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 12:17 PM
To: Caslin, Alan
Subject: Apology

Chair,

Last week on Twitter and during a media interview, I made comments that were offensive to the LGBTQ community. I made these comments while sharing my deeply held religious views on marriage. While I have apologized unreservedly, I want to again clearly reiterate that apology.

Since the airing of my comments I have taken the following steps, First, I have closed my social media account. Second, I pledged to reinforce my commitment to upholding the rights of all citizens of Niagara including members of the LGBTQ community.

Finally, I want to let the community know, I have learned from this experience. It has re-enforced clearly, my responsibility is to represent each and every person in the City of St. Catharines and the Region of Niagara to the best of my ability.

Andy Petrowski

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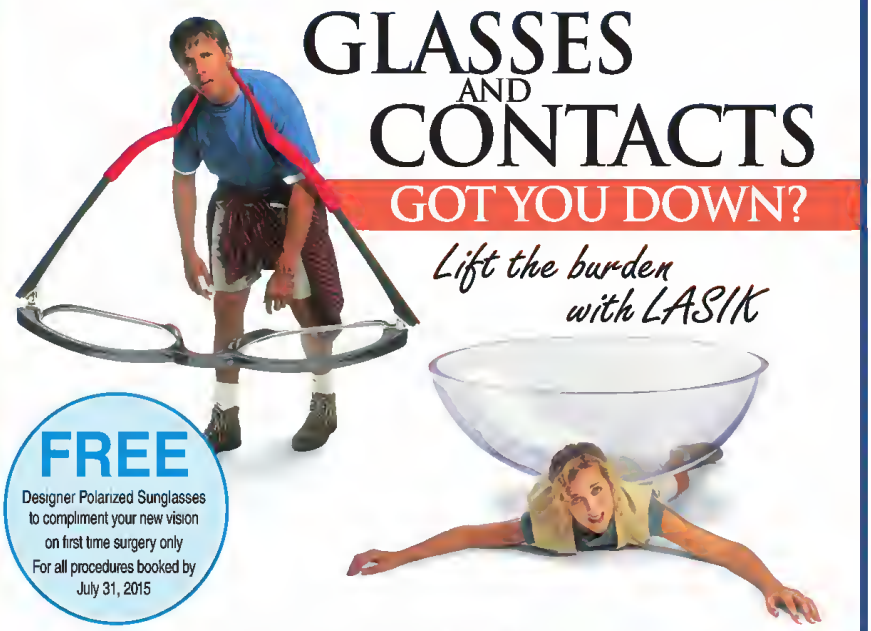

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PILOT PROJECT: One-year initiative allows use of Welland detachment parking lot, lobby

Police provide safe space for Kijiji sales

MARYANNE FIRTH
Postmedia Network

Police have entered into the business of making sales transactions safer.

Last Friday, Niagara Regional Police officially launched a one-year pilot project allowing people to use the parking lot and front lobby of the Welland detachment for transactions initiated through online sites such as Kijiji.

The Internet transaction zone at 5 Lincoln St. will provide neutral ground for people to safely exchange money and goods, said NRP spokesman Const. Phil Gavin.

"We want people to come to the parking lot, to feel comfortable," he said, adding the lot is well lit and under 24-hour video surveillance.

The Welland station is open and police are present 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

The public can use the parking lot any time day or night.

It was an inquiry at a police services board meeting that prompted the pilot project, Gavin said. As a result, similar initiatives underway in other communities were examined and ultimately modified into a model it's believed will work effectively in Niagara.

The Welland detachment was chosen for the project mainly because its front parking lot, with 15 spaces, is larger than the lots at other Niagara stations.

Having the extra room, Gavin said, will mean transactions involving larger objects, such as boats, can take place without impeding the public's ability to park and access the building.

While the NRP want to create a safe and comfortable environment, Gavin stressed police will not mediate sales or disputes arising from any transaction, except in extreme cases.

"We'll have a role maintaining the peace if that's ever necessary, but we're not there to haggle prices," he said.

Also, officers cannot use the NRP's computer system to run model numbers or serial numbers of items that are part of a private exchange.

If people feel there may be some criminality involved in the transaction, however, they are able to report the matter to police.

People do not have to call ahead to use the lot or lobby.

Weapons and firearms are prohibited from both the parking lot and the lobby.

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- Perform the transaction during daylight hours.
- If it sounds too good to be true, it usually is.
- Tell a friend or family member about your intentions.
- Take your cellphone with you.
- Do not carry large sums of cash.

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Welland Staff Sgt. John Vujasic said the Niagara Regional Police are welcoming people to use the parking lot or lobby of the Welland detachment at 5 Lincoln St., as a safe place to transfer goods purchased online.

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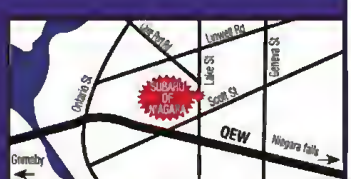

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■ MUSIC

Elton Lammie bringing country and opera to Fonthill bandshell

Postmedia Network

Elton Lammie has two loves in his life, country music and opera — and he'll share those loves with a Fonthill bandshell audience Thursday night.

For years the Niagaran had made quite a name for himself touring as a country music singer and musician and Nashville recording artist, but in the past few years he has generated great response from audiences around the world as an operatic tenor.

As a country singer he has won more than $40,000 in singing contests, and recently was crowned as Canada's next opera star in a televised national search. He has performed in Asia, Italy and all over Canada and the U.S. and he has won over thousands of fans.

In 2009 Lammie and his band designed a live concert that features all of the music he loves to sing in an exciting program titled From Opry to Opera, a 90-minute show that features music from his's roots as found in the Grand Ole Opry through to new country, oldies rock 'n' roll, Broadway and even classic operatic tenor repertoire. Lammie has been featured on dozens of local and national radio and television programs including *Entertainment Tonight* and CBC and in the *Toronto Star* and *Vancouver Sun*.

This is the only performance of "From Opry to Opera" that Lammie is doing in Ontario this summer.

In our celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Fonthill bandshell, Lammie has been invited back, having performed at the bandshell in 2011.

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■ DEVELOPMENT

Board's new fees anger cities

MARYANNE FIRTH
Postmedia Network

The Catholic school board has entered the business of development charges — and not all Niagara municipalities are happy about it.

Last month, Niagara Catholic District School Board moved to implement education development charges, or EDCs, that will see an extra fee attached to every new residential housing unit built in Niagara.

Set at $172 for homes within the former Welland County boundaries and $186 for those in the old Lincoln County boundaries, the charges will be used by the board to fund the purchase of land to build new schools in areas experiencing growth.

Because Niagara Catholic is considered a "growth board" by the Ministry of Education, it has been granted approval to levy the development charges, said education director John Crocco.

To gain approval, a background study was submitted to the province outlining the board's past and projected growth.

After getting the green light from the ministry, the EDC bylaws were approved by the board and came into effect June 22.

While the board was within its rights to put the new charges in place, several municipalities are opposed.

The move to instate EDCs left Port Colborne Coun. Yvon Doucet angry — the city recently froze its own development charges in an effort to spur investment in the community.

"To bave the scbool board come in and say since the room is there, we're going to turn around and plop it in ... They've put a stop probably to any stimulation we were going to have," he told his fellow city councillors during a meeting last Monday night.

"They're going to make us look like fools," Doucet said, growing visibly frustrated.

The school board, he said, "should be working with us, not against us."

Doucet said wbat upset him most is that EDC revenue will be collected in Port Colborne, but will be used to support development in other communities.

"There isn't a plan to build any new schools here in Port Colborne," he said, calling it unfair to charge the fee in communities not expected to benefit from the funds.

Port Colborne director of planning and development Dan Aquilina said city staff provided feedback to the school board during the bylaw's consultation process.

It was recommended a moratorium on EDCs be put in place that would match the two-year freeze issued by the city, that Port's community improvement plan areas be exempt and that since each municipality will be tasked with administering and collecting the fee, compensation be provided.

"The school board ignored everything we commented on," Aquilina said.

That led to talk of Port Colborne appealing the EDC bylaws to the Ontario Municipal Board — a step Fort Erie officially took Wednesday.

Fort Erie's concerns mirror those of Port Colborne, with no new schools projected to be built in the next 15 years, said Rick Brady, the town's director of community and development services.

In appealing, the hope is to see the EDCs if not removed entirely, then at least amended to only apply the charges to high-growth municipalities projected by the board to need new schools, he said.

As the bylaw must be reviewed every five years, with Niagara Catholic reapplying for approval from the ministry changes can be made to add municipalities to the EDC list if their growth pattern changes, Brady said.

He expressed concern that the town's recommendations, provided during the board's consultation process, were not reflected in the bylaw now in place.

It was made clear, Brady said, that Fort Erie preferred the charges not be implemented at all. But if they were, he said, the EDC should not be applied to areas exempt from the town's own development charges — the downtowns of its villages.

The school board "ignored us," be said, and applied the charge to the town as a whole.

"When the school board decided they wouldn't listen to us, they said they don't care what the community needs."

Correspondence has been underway with several other municipalities considering joining the OMB appeal, Brady said.

Pelham council was expected to discuss whether to join the fight this past Monday night, and Port Colborne council meets July 27.

The appeal "shouldn't come as a shock" to Niagara Catholic, Brady said, as the town informed the board it would appeal if its recommendations were not adhered to.

For now, the town is "collecting the development charges as required," he said, though it does "put an administrative load on us."

"When the OMB makes a decision, we'll go from there."

When the issue reaches the OMB, there's a possibility of a hearing or of board mediation taking place, Brady said.

"We want to be reasonable about it, but at the same time we need to defend our case."

There's not yet been any indication as to when the case will appear before the OMB.

It could be a first for Ontario.

The Ministry of Education "is not aware of any municipalities previously appealing EDC bylaws implemented by their local school board," spokesman Gary Wheeler said.

Crocco said the municipalities are within their rights to appeal, just as the school board was within its rights to put the bylaws in place.

"Did the board follow the process and legislation? I'm confident that we did," he said, adding he believes Niagara Catholic "went above the requirements of the legislation."

"It's all been an open and transparent process," Crocco said, adding the board held an information session in April that stakeholders were invited to, as well as public meetings in May and June that were "both well publicized."

At the meetings, the board collected input from municipal representatives as well as developers. Some of that feedback, he said, resulted in changes to the bylaw, including a reduction in the rates.

"The board considered all feedback it received prior to making a decision."

The option to only apply EDCs to select communities was reviewed, Crocco said, but was deemed unfair as it's impossible to precisely predict where growth could develop.

He questioned what the reaction would be if the charge was only applied to six of the 12 municipalities and then growth occurred in a city that was not included.

"There are pockets of growth in the Grimsby area, Niagara Falls," he said. "We don't know what will happen in other areas of Niagara."

"No firm decisions have been made" regarding which areas will benefit first from the EDC money.

Crocco believes expansion of the board will benefit all students.

"We believe we serve all schools on an equitable basis," he said.

"Niagara Catholic has no borders. The only border is the Niagara region."

The board, Crocco said, must look at all opportunities for funding to assist with that growth.

"If you look across Ontario at other areas' EDCs, they're in the thousands of dollars," he said.

"We have one of the lowest rates and we're one of the last (eligible) boards to put EDCs in place."

A number of factors were considered in setting the rate for the EDCs, including the number of past new housing starts, the value of land and site costs, Crocco said.

The decision, he added, was made by the board to not apply the charge to non-residential builds.

As one of the communities projected to see major residential growth in the coming years, Niagara Falls will likely bear the brunt of the EDCs, Mayor Jim Diodati said.

"It's a bit of an odd situation for municipalities to be in," he said, as they have no say in their implementation yet must oversee the collection.

"We don't have any say or control."

The bylaws came out of left field for the city.

"We were a little surprised, because it came without warning," Diodati said, adding he would have expected to hear more about the charge in advance, especially since the city must administer its collection.

The mayor said he was not aware of the consultation meetings held by the board prior to the implementation of the EDCs, and neither was the city's director of finance.

"Unfortunately, things sometimes go under the radar," he said.

One of Diodati's biggest concerns is that the charge could increase over time.

As other Ontario municipalities are faced with EDCs that are "significantly higher," he hopes the board is not using its first year implementing the charge to "get in the door" before "ramping up" the fee.

"I hope that tool is not abused," Diodati said.

He said he does not want to see the projected growth in Niagara Falls "stifled by a new tax."

"That's my biggest concern. I just hope it's going to be charged as needed, and not for the board to build up reserves for 50 years from now. It should be for the immediate, foreseeable future."

District School Board of Niagara has no plans to implement EDCs in the near future.

"It's not something we've requested or are considering at this time," spokesman Brett Sweeney said.

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■ **RECOVERY:** Addison Falardeau still mending nearly five years after Georgia accident

Scars are part of who she is

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You have to look closely.

When the seven-year-old bubbly blonde cannonballs into the family pool, the remnants of the accident that changed her life are barely visible from a distance.

The scars are there, but Addison Falardeau doesn't seem to mind.

They have become a part of who she is, a part that despite her young age she has learned to embrace.

It has been nearly five years since Addison suffered burns to 30% of her body.

The then two year old was visiting her grandparents in Georgia for American Thanksgiving when the unthinkable happened.

She was riding a toy truck in the home's driveway when it collided with a deep fryer causing burns to Addison's head, forehead, left shoulder, thighs and right ankle.

She was initially treated at the Joseph M. Still Burn Center in Georgia before moving to The Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto.

Recovery has been a trying process for the young girl, who has undergone 24 surgeries to repair the damage caused to her skin. She is scheduled for No. 25 next month.

The Sacre-Coeur student, who begins Grade 2 in the fall, has had several tissue expander procedures, through which additional skin is grown and stretched over the impacted area.

It has been used to create new skin on Addison's head that can support hair growth.

The August surgery is expected to be the second to last, along with a hair plug procedure, that will leave the youngster with a full head of hair.

Addison is also undergoing laser therapy every two months or so to help lessen the appearance of her scars.

"They pierce holes through the scar tissue to soften it," father Jeff Falardeau says, while adding it has helped tremendously to reduce their visibility. Thanks to the procedure, the scars are expected to continue to fade as Addison grows older.

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Addison Falardeau sustained serious burns to her body in a 2010 accident, but has since made substantial progress. Pictured clockwise from left is mother Becki Falardeau, Addison, sister Avery, father Jeff and brother Jackson.

Once she turns 18, Addison will have the option to have additional work done to address the discolouration on her forehead. Often hidden behind her bangs, it is the result of skin grafts.

"But that will be up to her," says mother Becki.

"We always let her decide."

The parents want to ensure their youngest daughter always feels she has a say in her own path to recovery.

"When we go in now, with the amount she's been through, she deals with the doctors," Jeff says.

"They don't talk to us, they talk to her. She's taken control of what's going on."

Despite countless doctors appointments, surgeries and followups, "she never complains," Becki says.

"She's made it easy," Jeff adds, describing how she's taken even her regular massage therapy and occupational therapy appointments in stride.

Though hospital visits have become routine for the Pelham youngster, they are not the only activities marked on her jam-packed calendar.

Addison takes classes three times a week with Miss Dar's School of Dance, plays baseball through the summer and challenged herself with a season of ice hockey this past winter.

"We're trying to schedule her surgery for after baseball season this summer," Becki says.

"We try to balance out her childhood."

She also spends nearly each warm-weather day in the family's pool.

"Addison's a fish," brother Jackson, 11, chimes in.

"She's always the first one to get into the water," Jeff adds.

Being in a bathing suit "doesn't phase her," the proud father says, adding his youngest "doesn't even own a one-piece" because she's not shy about her scars.

"But when she's in a bathing suit, people do look at her," Becki says, adding stares most often come from perplexed adults.

"They don't understand what happened."

Addison and her siblings, including Jackson and sister Avery, 9, have all spoken with a psychologist who helped them to understand why people stare and how they can respond to questions of what happened.

"They say 'she was burned, but she's fine now,'" Becki says. Addison is also growing accustomed to answering questions herself.

While the accident was once a difficult topic to bring up in the household, Addison is now more comfortable talking about it.

"At the start, she was more sensitive," Jeff says.

"Now it's just a part of life. You can dwell on it or you can move on."

Jeff and Becki credit the support of their loved ones, as well as the support of the community seen through a number of fundraisers, for allowing their family to progress following the nightmare.

"I'm sure she wouldn't be where she is today without all that support. It's pretty amazing to see how she's doing," Becki says.

"Sometimes even I forget how far she's come."

The family hopes to eventually create a fundraiser of sorts to support burn victims.

"We had so much help along tbe way, we'd like to pass it on," Jeff says.

"We've had support, so if we can lend support to someone else, by all means."

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■ PLANNING

Region suggests Greenbelt land swap

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Niagara Region is looking to do a land swap.

The planning and development committee endorsed a proposal by director of planning services Mary Lou Tanner that would see land in northwest Grimsby — currently protected from development by the Ontario Greenbelt Plan — brought into the urban boundary in exchange for 2,280 acres of land to the south that would be added to the Greenbelt.

Tanner said if the Grimsby land currently within the Greenbelt were in any part of the Greater Toronto Area, it would be prime land for development.

"There's a transit hub proposed at Casablanca and the QEW, and there's a QEW interchange there," Tanner said. "It's a prime, opportune land, and if it were not for the specialty crop designation, in any other part of the GTA this would be a prime mixed-use, employment development of higher densities."

She noted that type of development is allowed to sprawl eastward along the QEW in Hamilton.

The Niagara Region plan also proposes adding to the Greenbelt 1,200 acres surrounding Lake Gibson in Thorold.

Commissioner of planning and development services Rino Mostacci said the region's input to the province, which is undergoing a co-ordinated review of its Niagara Escarpment, Greenbelt and Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation plans, follows consultation with Niagara's municipalities.

"We've been working with the local municipalities ... to consolidate a unified position for us," he said. "It has been very collaborative."

Mostacci said Niagara's planning issues and suggestions are "getting very good traction at the province."

"Our conversation with the provincial planners — Greenbelt planners — has been to sort of give them a reality check with respect to Niagara," Mostacci said, noting mechanisms to limit development in the GTA were applied to Niagara.

"We don't have the same growth pressures and we don't have the same growth patterns as the rest of the GTA. And I think for the first time ... that conversation is starting to resonate with them.

"We need a different approach for Niagara."

The region plan also calls for corrections to hydrological mapping used in the Greenbelt plan to protect natural heritage and key hydrological features from development or site alterations.

Those water sources are protected by 30-metre development setbacks. Region and Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority mapping, however, showed the MNR mapping recognizes more features as significant than was actually the case.

As an example, the staff report says 2,975 parcels in Niagara-on-the-Lake are affected by the MNR mapping, whereas using the region and NPCA mapping only 2,375 properties would be affected.

The region plan calls for special "policy considerations" for lands within the existing Greenbelt that already contain urban development, such as housing, businesses or farms with retail businesses on site.

"We need policy tools that are going to support the long-term sustainability and viability of these (businesses) and allow for appropriate development," Tanner said.

Those areas include land abutting Victoria Ave. in Lincoln between the QEW and Vineland settlement area; North Service Rd. between Jordan Harbour and Charles Daley Park in Lincoln; a section in Thorold along Regional Rd. 20 between Merrittville Highway and Cataract Rd.; the area along Hwy. 55 in Niagara-on-the-Lake between Virgil and the Old Town settlement area; and Fruitbelt Parkway in Niagara Falls near Stanley Ave. and General Brock Pkwy.

The report notes there are 34,098 acres of land that fall within the Niagara Escarpment Plan, 3,068 acres of which fall within urban boundaries.

The region request is for the NEP to relinquish control of the 3,068 acres to the municipalities in which they are located "to allow for better urban development, while respecting the preservation of key environmental features that define the escarpment."

In addition, the region wants to see agricultural lands that are in both the Greenbelt and under the control of the NEP removed from the NEP.

"This will allow for greater economic potential, value added opportunities and create one set of rules for farmers within the Greenbelt," the report says, noting approximately 50% of land currently within NEP boundaries is considered to be farmland.

The region is asking the province to not approve three expansions outlined in NEP discussion papers. Federal government land along the eastern edge of General Motors Glendale Ave. property in St. Catharines, three separate chunks abutting the Lathrop Nature Reserve in Pelham and a chunk of land in north Niagara Falls that contains the Calaguiro Estates subdivision. The report says the proposal to include those areas to the NEP are based on inaccurate data and "would create undue restrictions on already established residential and industrial properties."

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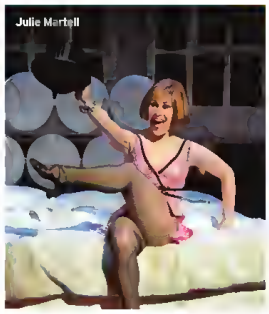
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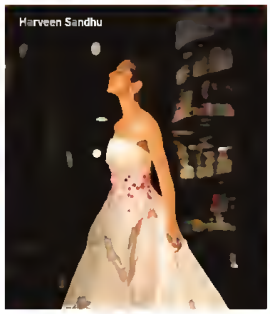
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■ BIG BROTHERS/ BIG SISTERS

Two 'Sons' ride Niagara for mentorship charity

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A Niagara motorbike tour led by stars of a world-famous crime drama has raised at least $35,000 for a mentorship program.

Canadian *Sons of Anarchy* actor Kim Coates, who plays Tig, joined U.S. castmate Mark Boone Junior to lead the Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Catharines-Thorold and District's Ride for Kids Sake.

The event, now in its third year, helps raise cash for their Game On! group mentoring program for boys and young men.

"We left from The Pen Centre, rode around for an hour," said Coates, 57, kicking-back after the Saturday tour. "So we dipsy-doodled through tons of acreages, through vineyards and gorgeous country."

His friend Boone, who plays Bobby in *Sons*, added his thoughts during a local media interview in a trailer outside The Pen Centre: "We saw old houses and new houses, intermixed," said the bearded actor. "Swamps, forests, maples!"

"And the cops did a great job stopping the intersections so we didn't stop once," Coates added. About 15 VIP riders joined the group, with the main ride bringing in about 250 biker/fundraisers.

"We had a nice turnout ... last year, we made about $35,000 and we'll make more this year," Coates said.

"It's really all good."

Coates said he cares strongly about the charitable cause, "and I'm Canadian (from Saskatoon), and it worked out perfectly with my timing; right now I'm filming *Goon 2* in Toronto."

Sons of Anarchy ended last year after seven seasons and both actors say they've continued working.

"It was a long time, seven years," Coates said.

His best memory: "It was the guys that I worked with... honestly, there were 10 leads when it started. You ... rarely hang out with people when certain things are done, whether it be a movie or TV show. In the seven years on that show, all the love-ins, fights, the 'can't wait to not see you' when we were wrapping in November, and 'can't wait to see you' when we started in May.

"Truly, that happened every year.

"For me, I think it was time to stop that show, it went a little nuts for me at the end."

Coates recalled an amusing anecdote: "I remember Charlie and I looking at each other on the fourth show and going 'we're killing who? and why?'"

"We got seven seasons (as originally hoped for) ... a bookend at the beginning and a bookend at the end. We've all moved on, and we'll never forget it."

Boone said it's become very clear the show has an enduring fan base. "It's hard to know what its impact is, until you run into people who are just absolutely obsessed and crazy about it.

"And that audience keeps expanding."

Dale Davis, the local Big Brothers/ Big Sisters chief executive officer, said the ride is the "only money that we receive to support the Game On! program."

"The agency is facing some challenging financial times, so we really need to focus on the need for support for mentorship — and all the young boys who are waiting.

"If we don't reach the goal, we're not going to be able to match them in the program this fall," she said. "So it's serious."

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THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE LOCAL BIG BROTHERS/ BIG SISTERS AND SONS OF ANARCHY ACTORS

A Ride for Kids Sake committee co-chair knew one of the Sons of Anarchy promoters and was in contact with him to arrange the involvement of Kim Coates (attended 2014/15), Theo Rossi (2014) and Mark Boone Junior (2015).

Coates has been a "huge supporter" of Big Brothers Big Sisters.

In 2014 BBBS was able to provide the Game On! program to 257 boys in 23 schools across St. Catharines, Thorold and Niagara-on-the-Lake with funds raised from the Ride for Kids' Sake event

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■ CONCERT

Hollerado to headline Owenpalooza

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They've been spotted in Panama, Costa Rica and Australia.

Some found in thrift stores, others brought on vacation or seen on passersby.

Owenpalooza T-shirts have been popping up around the world and, as a result, have been helping to fulfil Owen Patrick Harold's dream of travelling the globe.

"We want to see the T-shirts, the pictures," said Alicia Rubino, one of Owen's many friends and family members who help to organize the annual benefit concert held in his memory.

"It's our way of having his spirit live on."

Owen's life was cut short by a car crash in September 2008.

He was well travelled in his 22 years, but his loved ones want to help him reach the many countries he dreamed of visiting in the future.

The shirts have become a hot commodity at the namesake event, which takes place Saturday at Auberge Richelieu, 565 River Rd., in Welland.

Ordered through Me to We, a tree is planted for every shirt sold and half of the proceeds support Free the Children.

Owenpalooza, now in its seventh year, has carried an environmentally-friendly and socially-aware theme since its inception — all a reflection of Owen and his passions.

"Owen is the driving force for everything we do," said friend and co-organizer David Perrotta.

"We all love him so much. This means so much to us to do this for him."

Every decision that's made regarding the event, organizers stop and question what Owen would think about it, co-organizer Marc Demers added.

Because of the sentiment behind the concert, it has meant the world to watch Owenpalooza establish itself in the community and as part of Niagara's music scene, said friend Alan Clarke, who has helped with the event from the start.

"We're never going to stop. We'll be back every year and getting stronger."

Talks have already begun regarding Owenpalooza's 10-year milestone celebration in 2018, which may include more than one day of music.

But for this year, there's a top-notch lineup of talent ready to rock two stages all night long.

The 19-plus show will feature eight bands and performers, including headliners Hollerado, a Juno Award-nominated indie rock band best known for hits Juliette, Got to Lose and So It Goes.

It was the energy the band brought at its last two Owenpalooza headlining gigs that ultimately encouraged organizers to bring Hollerado back, Clarke said.

"They're more than a band, they're good people. We dig their vibe."

Also returning is the Owenpalooza art show, dubbed this year as Material-Eyes, that will feature live demonstrations from local artists.

While the day is a celebration of Owen's life, it is also an opportunity to help his legacy live on in the community.

Since Owenpalooza was created, it has contributed more than $12,500 toward the Owen Patrick Harold Memorial Scholarship fund at Notre Dame College School.

Several donations, also amounting to more than $12,500, have also been made through the Owen Patrick Harold Random Act of Kindness initiative for both local and international causes. Some of the donations include $1,000 toward two service dogs for a Welland family, $1,000 to Naturopaths Without Borders in Haiti, $1,000 toward the Julia Turner Hope Cup Tournament and $1,000 for a basketball court and equipment for an orphanage in Africa.

While those who oversee the RAK fund want people to know they're active in the community, they prefer to keep most of the details quiet.

"Everything we do is a reflection of Owen," Rubino said.

"He wasn't one to gloat about the things he did."

MUSIC NOTES

What: A benefit concert and art showcase held in memory of Owen Patrick Harold.

When: Saturday. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Where: Auberge Richelieu, 565 River Rd., Welland.

Why: The concert raises money for the Owen Patrick Harold Memorial Scholarship at Notre Dame College School and Owen Patrick Harold Random Act of Kindness initiative.

Bands: Headliner includes Juno Award-nominated indie rock band Hollerado; Stella Ella Ola, a Hollerado side project; Dire Club, featuring former members of The Snips; Bratwurst Days; The Bends; Drftr; Fortune Runners; and Katey Gatta.

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MUSIC AWARDS: Tim Hicks up for Album of the Year

Niagara well represented with CCMA nominations

JACK BOLAND/POSTMEDIA NETWORK

Canadian country singer Tim Hicks of St Catharines plays the Boots and Hearts Music Festival in Bowmanville in August on the main stage. He is up for Album of the Year at this year's Canadian Country Music Association Awards.

JOHN LAW
Postmedia Network

Niagara's roots run deep in this year's Canadian Country Music Association Award nominations.

After his breakthrough year, St. Catharines singer Tim Hicks is up for album of the year for his sophomore release *5:01*, along with Interactive Artist/Group of the Year.

5:01, released last summer, is also nominated for Album Design of the Year and Record Producer of the Year (Jeff Caplan). Nominations were announced Wednesday morning.

Hicks won the Rising Star Award at last year's CCMAs.

Former Niagara-on-the-Lake resident Mike Denney will also see his company MDM Recordings, Inc. compete for Management Company of the Year and Record Company of the Year. Denney is also up for Record Company Person of the Year.

Denney attended high school in the region, forming his own label in 2008 with the severance package from his last job. He attended the 2008 CCMAs on a recruiting mission and came back with five artists on the roster. MDM is home to rising country star Jess Moskaluke, and last year signed Niagara band The Mandevilles.

After winning Record Company Person of the Year at last year's CCMAs, Denney is "extremely proud" his small label is back competing on a national level.

"I try to instil in our people that passion, hard work and treating people with respect is better than any award or nomination," he said, "but it is really nice to have your industry peers recognize our roster and support staff."

For Hicks, the nominations cap a whirlwind few years that have seen him become one of Canada's most highly-touted country stars.

He credits his years roughing it in local rock bands for prepping him for a country career.

"It gave me the experience to handle the craziness," he said when contacted Wednesday. "You have to be able to handle the peaks and valleys."

The Niagara Music Awards recognized Hicks first, giving him Best Male Vocalist in 2009 and Best Country Artist in 2011. From there, Hicks played with Blue Rodeo and Ron Sexsmith before earning two Juno nominations last year for Country Album of the Year with *Throw Down* and Breakthrough Artist of the Year.

He jokes his attention deficit disorder helps him handle the hectic pace. Even when he goes home to relax, he has young kids to take care of — "my band thinks it's hilarious."

The CCMAs give him a chance to share the room with peers like Jason Blaine and Dallas Smith.

"You finally have everybody in the same room, which is great. You live in a bubble as an artist."

As for a homecoming show soon, Hicks is fully aware there's a brand new arena in St. Catharines.

"I'm chomping at the bit," he says. "It's just a matter of all the stars aligning."

The CCMAs will be held Sept. 13 at the Scotiabank Centre in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

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■ **DOWNTOWN:** Bands filling a summer void

Livestock taps into music scene

JOHN LAW
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It's a summer without SCENE for Niagara music buffs, but Rafik Guirguis hopes to stir up a new scene in the meantime.

With the popular St. Catharines music festival taking a short hiatus, planning to return in the fall, a 12-hour concert called Livestock Niagara coming to Taps Brewery this Friday will fill some of the void. Though Guirguis started organizing his festival before SCENE announced its delay, he'll gladly take the timing.

"That kind of worked out in favour of the festival," he says. "What I can say about this festival is that I have a lot of respect for SCENE. I've watched (co-founder Steve Stumble) build from something small to what it became.

"I just thought, the only thing it was missing was the local aspect it used to have. That's what this is all about."

Livestock Niagara will feature 18 bands — 16 of them from Niagara — playing two outdoor stages set up in the Taps parking lot. Music goes from 2 p.m. to midnight outside, then moves indoors until 2 a.m.

WHAT: Livestock Niagara
WHERE: Taps Brewery, 4680 Queen St., Niagara Falls
WHEN: Friday, 2 p.m. to 2 a.m.
ADMISSION: Free

Along with headliners The Walkervilles and Poor Young Things from Toronto will be local acts such as Xprime, A Book For Wanderers, Katey Gatta, The Kerouacs and Levi Randall.

"Absolutely satisfied," says Guirguis, a former member of Niagara metal band Atticus. "This is the best lineup I could have asked for. Every single band that's on here I have some sort of rapport with."

Guirguis, an event planner and bartender at Taps, has watched the Queen St. venue become one of the area's biggest supporters of local music in recent years. Most every night offers original acts from the area.

"That's what they look for, that's what they cater to," he says, crediting owner Eric Martin. "I thought that was really cool, that they're putting a value on original music. There's a lot of really good bands in Niagara Falls, and there's no real scene to support them in Niagara Falls."

To help give Livestock traction, admission is free.

"This is entirely a community-driven event, sponsored by local businesses," he says. "It's put together for the purpose of boosting our downtown and to help our Niagara Falls bands have a platform to get themselves noticed."

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The Walkervilles headline the first Livestock Niagara day-long festival, happening at Taps on Queen St., July 24.

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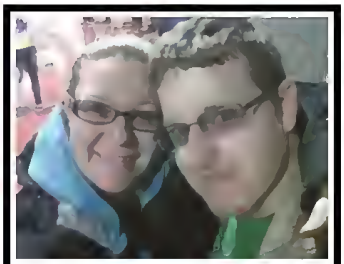

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